GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3185
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
SHORTAGE OF WATER IN CHENNAI
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chennai is facing acute water shortage;

(b) if so, whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has released Krishna Water to reach Chennai early to meet the shortage;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh hasreleased water from Kandaleru Reservoir to Tamil Nadu. From 18.7.2001 to 6.8.2001, Tamil Nadu has received 6.697 Million Cubic Feet of water, which is being supplied to Chennai city.

(d) To supplement the requirements of water to Chennai city, works like installation of new reverse osmosis plants, hiring of private agricultural wells and transportation of water by rail/road have been taken up on emergent basis.